

The Daily Courant.

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IN the last Mail from Lisbon, came Letters from Madrid that brought the following Decree in Spanish. A Translation of which, was given us by a Gentleman, to be communicated to the Publick.

The Decree of His Catholick Majesty, with his Reasons for taking into his Own Hands the Money sav'd out of the Flota,

IT being apparent that these Kingdoms are in danger to be Invaded the ensuing Campaign, by those Maritime Powers who endeavour'd it the last, when with the help of God, and the Courage of my Subjects in Andalusia, those Dangers were averted, to the Glory of Religion, and with Triumph of their Fidelity: and whereas such is the condition of the Royal Treasury by the Obligations which hitherto it hath discharg'd, that it cannot possibly furnish the necessary Sums with that readiness as is requisite, for the Common Defence of all my Kingdoms, which equally find themselves in Danger, being easily accessible, and especially by the Seas; for which reason the important Kingdoms and Maritime places of Italy and the Islands of the Mediterranean ought not to be found Unprovided, nor the Frontiers of Africa neglected, some of which are threatned, that of Ceuta afflicted several Years, wherein many Subjects have sacrific'd their Lives, and great Sums have been consum'd to maintain it: Forasmuch likewise, as German Troops continue in the Neighborhood of the Mantuan and Ferrareze, and divert the Forces with which his most Christian Majesty, my Lord Grandfather, could otherwise augment his Armies in his and my Defence, as well as part of my Forces which are now joyned with his most Christian Majesty's, in those Frontiers, and which otherwise I could employ to the same purpose: And whereas notwithstanding my Subjects of these Kingdoms of Castile have often contributed great Sums, and do actually now demonstrate their Love in assisting with what is necessary to Support an Army for the Defence and Security of my Frontiers; yet these Methods still falling short, and wanting considerable Additions for compleating the necessary Fortifications and Defence that may hinder the Entrance of the Enemy into our Ports, and their Landing in such places where otherwise they might, (and which there are too great Grounds to apprehend they may attempt) if not provided with Artillery, Ammunition and other Necessaries. (The Obligation of Governing well, and the Laws of Conscience making it necessary to take due Precautions, both these Considerations have moved me a second time to a resolution to put my self at the Head of an Army on the first notice of the Enemies motion against these Kingdoms, to assist with my Care, Kindness and Power my Subjects, and maintain them at the Cost and hazard of repeated Dangers, and even at the expence of my Blood.) Furthermore, whereas these Preparations require large, and immediate Sums, (as may easily be considered,) which the Treasury cannot supply,

being already drain'd, as appears by Examination, Submitting to this Evident Truth, being satisfied with the Reasons that induce me to make a Reprisal, for what belongs to the Royal Treasury of the Plate which the last Flota under the Command of Don Manuel de Velasco brought home, out of the Effects which 'tis not to be doubted our Enemies the English and Dutch have therein, since an ill Custom has been introduced of concealing them against my Interest, as also against theirs that have practis'd it, I have resolv'd for all these Motives to Reimburse my self by this Reprisal of Four Millions of Pieces of Eight. And forasmuch as this Sum is not sufficient for the convenient and unavoidable Dispositions of this Campaign, and for securing Religion and the Kingdom, as also for satisfying what is due to our Allies, and helping in some Measure his most Christian Majesty, our Grandfather, whereby he may continue henceforward the same Charges he has been at in so great Disbursements: These considerations having moved the Tribunals and Councils of the Nation to concur in the like opinion, and to shew their Zeal for my Service and the Good of the Kingdom; These, with the most approved Councils and undeniable necessity we are under, have made me resolve to take a further part of this Treasure by way of Loan, and therefore I agree that there be taken out of it other two Millions of Pieces of Eight, which 'tis my will and command shall be satisfied to the Commerce out of the first Effects that enter into my Royal Coffers in the Kingdom of Peru and Mexico; the Commerce chusing such Effects and such form of Payment as shall be to their most intire Satisfaction with Interest of 8 per Cent. until the Principal be Repaid; and I command that after the said Six Millions of Pieces of Eight are received into my Treasury, all that remains of what was brought by the Flota, be deliver'd to the Commerce, which shall enter into Obligations to satisfy for what is directed to particular Persons independant of the Commerce, *Viz.* Sallaries of the Officers of the Council of the Indies, and those of the Inquisition for Pious Works and Alms, deducting only from them the Charges of Transportation; satisfying at the same time with the remaining Quantity as far as it will reach the Traders who are Friends to this Crown with respective Proportions, who are also to be consider'd as Creditors to the two Millions which I have taken by way of Loan; and I do declare that these Six Millions shall be intire, over and above 300000 Pieces of Eight which are already consumed in the Preparations for this Campaign, or been spent in assisting to oppose the Hostilities committed by the Enemies at Vigo, or expended on divers Emergencies, all which shall be plac'd to the Account of the Effects which in this Flota came on my Royal Account, or which might arise from the Donatives and all other Duties which belong to me; and if the aforesaid Sums which have hitherto been spent and consumed exceed what by right Computation is due to me, the Overplus shall be considered as an Augmentation of the Loan of the two Millions of Pieces of Eight; so that there shall remain effectually from this instant at my Order and Disposition the aforesaid

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Six Millions of Pieces of Eight. Moreover, it being so important and of so great convenience for the Commerce of Spain and that of the Indies, that Galleons, as I have already resolv'd, should depart speedily for Terra Firma; Above the said Quantity, it's necessary there should be taken by way of Loan, and with the express'd Conditions 300000 Pieces of Eight for the Equipping of Galleons, which is a Matter no less Urgent, nor of less Importance for promoting the Common Cause, defending the Faith, and securing my Subjects in their Liberty. The Sums which these Considerations have oblig'd me, with extream Grief, to take, I shall have the Comfort to see distributed by an Authoriz'd Hand, employ'd only to the ends aforesaid, not consenting that any part shall be applied otherwise, being only to be issued out by my Order with his Advice for such justifiable Ends, and accordingly name from this instant the Cardinal Portocarrero. And I command that the Six Millions of Pieces of Eight be conducted to my Treasury, and put in his Disposal, that he may distribute the same with my Order, employing such Rules and Persons as he thinks fit, that a clear account may be kept, and pay what I shall order with an Inhibition to all Tribunals and Offices to intermeddle in it. And for the performing all herein express'd, I command there be given to the Commerce, as well as others who may be concern'd, Dispatches and Certificates as shall be necessary, conformable to the Contents of this Decree. On sight of which, shall be given without loss of time the most precise Orders for dividing and conveying to this Court the above Sum; delivering at the same time to such Persons empower'd by the Commerce, the rest of the Effects which shall remain of the Treasure of the said Flota, and what else thereto belongs. And so shall it be understood, &c. Madrid, February 6. 1703.

These Letters to Lisbon out of Spain, give a melancholly Account of the present Condition of the most eminent Merchants in Madrid, Seville, and Cadiz; mentioning one or two who actually died of Grief on the News of their great Losses by the Flota, and several others that have since made away with themselves; adding, That a considerable number of Traders, who came in the Flota, and were entitled to great Riches, are reduc'd to so much Want, that they have not Money sufficient to defray their Expences in the Inns where they are lodg'd.

By a Letter from Lisbon, dated March 18. N. S. 'tis advis'd, That on the Tuesday before, a great Progress was made towards the conclusion of a Treaty with that King; the Particulars are not known, but in the Evening Monsieur Schonenberg sent a Messenger to the Amirané of Castile, to give him a Relation of what had pass'd that day, to which Messenger he presented 100 Pistoles by way of *Albricias* (as to a Messenger of good News.) The Ministers of that King are in frequent Conferences with those of England, Holland, &c. for adjusting several Particulars, which 'tis hoped in a few days may produce some Resolutions of great Importance to the Affairs of Europe; The greatest matter in Debate (as 'tis said) when the Packet-Boat came away, depended upon some matters of Trade only.

Falmouth, March 20. Yesterday about Noon came in here the Betty of London, Peter Whale Commander, from Zant; the Master reports, That in the Latitude of 47 he came within Cannon shot of 4 French Men of War, who being very foul, and heavy Sailers, suppos'd from the West-Indies, one of them came up in order to give him chase, but the Betty out-run them: And next day after met a French Privateer who attack'd her, but she making a vigorous Resistance, the French-man was forced to sheer off.

Whoever has, since the beginning of this Week, found a small Seal, being a Crest of a Bull's Head cut in Steel and set in Gold, and shall bring it to the Earl of Darwentwater's Porter in *Abington-street*, shall receive Ten Shillings Reward with Thanks.

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